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Terms of the Unemployment Assistance Agreements

Under the Unemployment Assistance Act, as passed in 1956 and amended in 1957, the federal government could enter into an agreement with any province to contribute a certain per cent of the assistance payments made by the province and its municipalities to persons and their dependents who are unemployed and in need. All provinces and territories signed agreements under the Act.

The agreements covered the cost of financial assistance provided to persons under programs that have been variously known in the different provinces as social assistance, social allowances, public assistance or general welfare assistance. The rates of aid granted and the conditions of eligibility in these programs have been determined by the provinces and, to some extent, by their municipalities. Payments to both employable and unemployable persons have been shared under the agreements, and the costs of maintaining persons in "homes for the aged," such as nursing homes and homes for the aged. Travelling expenses of persons receiving assistance have also been shareable when made for purposes specified in the agreements. With the enactment of the Canada Assistance Plan, the agreements under the Unemployment Assistance Act were amended to extend federal sharing to costs of mothers allowances.

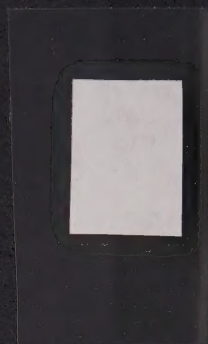
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Provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Agreements


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Federal Expenditures during the Year

Total federal payments during the year amounted to \$16.7 million. Of this amount, \$1.0 million was paid under the Unemployment Assistance Act, and \$15.7 million was paid to Quebec under the provisions of the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act administered by the Department of Finance.

Payments made to each province during 1967-68 and 1968-69 are shown in the following table:

Province	1967-68	1968-69
Newfoundland	\$ -	\$ -
Prince Edward Island	666,481	10,141
Nova Scotia	23,274	51,575
New Brunswick	130,396	-
Quebec	348,996 (credit)	33,170 (credit)
Ontario	1,739,652	653,206
Manitoba	317,042	-
Saskatchewan	-	-
Alberta	1,626,805	178,474
British Columbia	1,805,994	-
Yukon Territory	83,613	85,450
Northwest Territories	77,674	103,611
CANADA	6,121,935	1,049,287

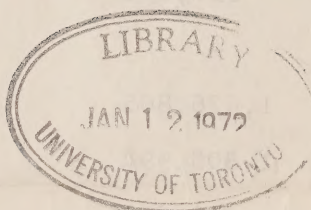
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In March 1968, 76,985 persons were included in claims under the Unemployment Assistance Act. In March 1969 the number of persons was 69,569: 1,505 in Ontario, 65,549 in Quebec, 622 in Alberta, 295 in the Yukon Territory and 1,598 in the Northwest Territories.

Total federal payments during the year amounted to \$16.7 billion. Of this amount, \$1.0 billion was paid under the Unemployment Assistance Act, and \$15.7 billion was paid to Quebec under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act. The balance of \$15.7 billion was administered by the Department of Finance.

Payments made to each province during 1967-68 and 1966-67 are shown in the following table:

Province	1967-68	1966-67
Newfoundland	-	-
Prince Edward Island	666,461	10,117
Nova Scotia	23,272	91,815
New Brunswick	130,135	-
Quebec	558,936	32,170
	(42,001)	(42,001)
Ontario	1,775,632	673,400
Manitoba	317,042	-
Saskatchewan	-	-
Alberta	2,624,372	-
British Columbia	-	-
Yukon Territory	62,420	-
Northwest Territories	77,012	102,617
CANADA	6,121,932	1,042,287



In 1967-68 and 1966-67 all contributions to Quebec were made under the Established Program (Unemployment Insurance Act) and credits shown represent adjustments on claims for previous years.

In March 1968, 12,002 persons were included in claims under the Unemployment Assistance Act, in which 1968 the number of persons was 69,555; 1,500 in Ontario, 68,245 in Quebec, 245 in Alberta, 285 in the Yukon Territory and 1,505 in the Northwest Territories.





